

WEATHER FORECAST
Arkansas: Showers this after-
noon, tonight and Thursday. Colder
tonight and in all except extreme
southeast. Thursday: Frost, E. Wind.

extreme north and 30 to 80 in. west portion.

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Leaving Oreek Town of Konitsa

Athens, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Military authorities expressed the opinion late today that guerrillas were withdrawing from besieged Konitsa and that the battle for the town, which Greek Communists coveted

A semi-official report said two Greek Army relief columns had moved into the immediate environs of Konitsa and that the bulk of regular forces was waiting to cross the wreckage of the Bourgas

bridge, which the guerillas blew up, 11 miles west of the beleaguered town.

One relief column was within sight a mile and a half away, advances from the zone said.

It was reported no resistance

was encountered around the Bourzani bridge, which is situated on the one main road into Konitsa. Guerrilla forces estimated to number 5,000 have been besieging Konitsa's garrison of 1,000 men since Christmas Day. Athens press reports said the

The bulk of the Greek reinforcement units were reported to be within a mile of strategic Boorzani bridge 11 miles west of Konitsa and were being pounded by artillery fire.

It was predicted the rebels would blow up the bridge in their retreat, but army engineers already were said to be bringing up fording boats and bridge parts.

Lt. Gen. Kalogeropoulos, commander of the Second Army Corps, sent a message to the Konye gov-

Be brave. Make a final valiant effort. Strong units are moving toward Konitsa. We shall meet and shake hands today.

Die By authority of the king, I award to all wounded officers and men the military cross. I reserve the privilege personally to pin these decorations on your breasts.

Authoritative military sources repeated their belief that the danger

to Konitsa was past and indicated that Greek forces in Epirus now bore 12 battalions of slightly more than 5,000 men. The Greek press said earlier that rebel resistance in Konitsa was "petering out" and military observers said the city was virtually out of danger.

Rebel losses in the immediate Koritsa area were estimated at 300 dead, 600 wounded and about 1,000 captured. The wounded were being taken to Albanian hospitals, military sources said, and one official report said several sections of the attacking rebel force were

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